

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Homelessness is ***ALL OF OUR CONCERN*** and ***EVERYONE*** is affected by it. The following list includes ways that **ANYONE** can help to be part of the solution in some manner or another. Please make a pledge to follow through with at least one of these suggestions. Use the resource directory to find an organization in your area or the type of service you want to support and ***MAKE A DIFFERENCE!***

1. Volunteer your time to assist in a service program. Volunteers are needed to:
 - Answer phones
 - Gather donations of needed items (see list on back)
 - Lead support groups
 - Identify employment opportunities
 - Be a mentor
 - Be a friend
 - Help serve a meal
2. Educate others. There are many misconceptions about homelessness. Help your friends and family to better understand homelessness by overcoming the misconceptions which cloud our recognition that people who are homeless are part of our community. We are collectively responsible for finding constructive solutions which will benefit us all. Learn about the reasons why people are homeless.
 - Help people understand that people who are homeless are not all dangerous, or drug addicts, or people who commit crimes
 - Understand what the real solutions are
 - Write letters to the editor to support efforts to constructively address this issue, focus on what we can do and help to educate those who simply want "these people to go away"
 - Learn the difference between enabling a person to remain a victim versus empowering people to achieve their hopes and dreams of becoming a peaceful and productive citizen
3. Provide financial support. If everyone were to give a few dollars every month (one less coffee a month bought at Starbucks, or a cheaper meal out for lunch one day a month), many of our service organizations could enhance their services exponentially.
 - Donate \$5 to \$25 to an organization
 - Gather a few dollars from family and friends to donate to an organization
 - Take up a collection and at a social or business event to donate to an organization
 - Lobby your company to allocate some of their philanthropic dollars to a homeless service provider
 - Donate your extra miles for a plane ticket to someone who could really use one-way airfare to return to family or friends on the mainland
4. If you are a landlord or employer, be willing to rent to or hire a person who is emerging out of homelessness.
5. You can also join Partners in Care - Oahu's coalition of homeless service providers and consumers, government agency representatives, and interested business and community members. Contact Marcia Hamilton, 286-2095.
6. Most importantly INVOLVED . . . BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!

**For more information call 768-7760 or go to the City's website at:
www.honolulu.gov/dcs/homeless.htm**

DONATION ITEM LIST

Food:

- Non-perishable food items: breakfast/granola bars
- Picnic items: paper plates, napkins, plastic spoons, forks & knives, disposable chopsticks
- Canned meats & veggies, condiments, cooking oil, spices
- Perishables: fresh & frozen meats
- Instant drink mixes: fruit, tea, powdered formula (infant)

Cleaning Supplies:

- Sponges & scrub brushes
- Paper towels
- Bleach, Windex & Pine-sol
- Latex gloves
- Liquid hand soap
- Laundry detergent
- Push brooms & dust pans
- Plastic trash can liners (L & XL)

Hygiene Items:

- Deodorant
- Bar soap
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Feminine hygiene supplies
- Disposable razors & shaving cream
- Hibiclens (can be purchased at pharmacies and Wal-Mart)

Misc Needs:

- Daily planners
- Travel alarm clocks
- Notebooks, binders, pens & pencils
- Bus tickets, gift certificates, phone cards
- Slippers
- Backpacks
- New Undergarments, socks
- Mileage points for one-way plane airfare
- DVD's &/or movie tickets
- Goodie bags for birthdays~earrings, sunglasses, sunscreen, scented lotion

For the Keiki:

- Fresh fruit for healthy snacks
- Diapers & disposable bottles
- Arts & crafts supplies
- G-rated DVD's

Clothing:

- Mens clothing – jeans, shorts, t-shirts, aloha shirts, esp. plus sizes
- Children, toddler and infant outfits
- Gym shoes for keiki and adults